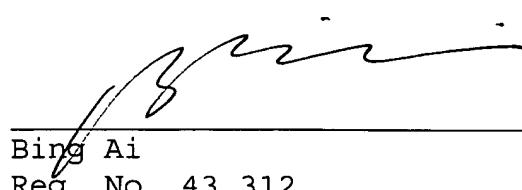


REMARKS

The paragraph [0054] has been amended to correct a typographical error and conform the text to the Fig. 14A. No new matter is added.

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